# Town Council Meeting Minutes North Town Hall December 10, 2018

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Cook, Jackson, and Jones.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12 2018, regular Council meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously
- Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2018, Special Called Council meeting. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously by the Councilmembers that were present at the meeting.

# POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

• Chief Shirer commented on the incident at the High School. He stated that none of the children at the school were in danger and that the school was locked down so that the police could arrest several individuals.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Council reviewed the account statement for November, 2018. Mayor Carson stated that she turned in penny sales tax receipts.
- Council discussed the unexpired term of Jeff Washington. Mayor Carson stated that she contacted the County Election Commission. A special election will be held on Tuesday January 29, 2019, from 7am to 7pm. Councilmember Jones asked if the election had been advertised. Mayor Carson responded that the special election had been advertised in the GPS triangle. Councilmember Cook asked what the procedure would be if no one files. Mayor Carson responded that she would have to find out from the County Election commission.
- Mayor Carson asked Council if any Councilmembers would like to nominate a Councilmember to serve
  as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Cook made a motion to nominate Councilmember Jackson to serve
  as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion and upon vote the motion was
  approved unanimously.

## MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

• Mayor Carson announced that the water department was going green and moving towards paperless billing. She stated that the front office trained to use a new system for processing credit card payments that gave North the capability to send out paperless bills. Mayor Carson said that a company was recommended by Nicholson Business Systems to operate our 3<sup>rd</sup> party card processing. She went on to say that once a payment is received a report is generated in Nicholson Business Systems and that the payments can be posted with one click of a button. She stated that the new link to the new payment engine had been added to the Town's webpage. Mayor Carson said that she has a goal to move 50% of our customer to paperless billing. She stated that bills could now be sent via text or email.

#### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Cook stated that after the holidays she would continue working on applying for a farmer's market grant.
- Councilmember Jackson announced that the Christmas parade had been rescheduled for December 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and that it would end with fireworks.
- Councilmember Jones announced that he will speak with a supervisor at the county level about replacing the missing and damaged street signs around town. Mayor Carson noted that several street signs that she

- had noticed were missing and suggested the Councilmembers each take a quarter of town and look for missing street signs to be replaced.
- Councilmember Cook also stated that she is going to talk to the fire chief about having a controlled burn to clean out the ditches and remove dry grass

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

• Mrs. Charlene Frazier was added to the agenda to speak, but had not submitted the request in writing and was absent from the meeting, therefore she did not speak.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

• There were no public comment requests per the sign in sheet.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Councilmember Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The
motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson and upon vote the motion was unanimously
approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson:

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Council Members:

Julius Jones:

Daniel Jackson:

Deborah Cook:

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